GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE OF MEDICINES IN RAID
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a raid conducted recently by the Delhi Drugs Control Department and Economic Offence Bureau has seized the medicines released to different hospitals;

(b) if so, the details of chemists and employees alongwith the names of hospitals found involved in this scam;

(c) the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that information was received by the officers of Drugs Control Department, Delhi that one Mr. Pradeep Kumar Bhargava was dealing in drugs and surgical items without having requisitedrug licence from the premises situated at 2186 2nd floor, Chah Indara Fountain Delhi and was also indulging in the trading of various items of drugs pilfered from various Government Institutes. A joint raid was carried out by the officers of Drugs Control Department, Delhi along with the officers of Crime Branch, Delhi Police, at the premises of Pradeep Bhargava on 7.6.2003.

Drugs and Surgical items bearing markings of `Government Supply, Not for Sale` worth Rs.30 lakhs approximately, were seized by the Drugs Inspector, Government of Delhi, and non-drug items worth Rs.50, 000/- were seized by Delhi PoliceA total number of 4 samples were collected for test/analysis by the Drugs Inspector. An FIR was registered against the said Pradeep Bhargava under Section 18/27 of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and IPC with P.S. Kotwali, New Delhi and investigation is in progress.

Whenever any drugs meant for Government supply are detected in the market, attempts are made to trace out the sources and to curb such incidents to find out the person responsible for the pilferage from the stores. It is the continuous endeavor of the Government for better management of stores and strengthening of Inventory Control Systems.